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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Mueller

Serial No.: 09/193,889 ✓

Filed: November 18, 1998

Title: MOISTURE ACTIVATED REINFORCEMENT STRING AND TEAR  
OPENING TAPES FOR CORRUGATED AND CARTON STOCK  
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF DECISION ON PETITION UNDER  
37 CFR 1.181(a) REQUESTING WITHDRAWAL OF THE HOLDING OF  
ABANDONMENT

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the Director's Decision to Dismiss the Petition Under 37 CFR 1.181(a) Requesting Withdrawal Of The Holding Of Abandonment filed by Applicants on January 16, 2002.

Remarks

The May 28, 2002 Decision on Petition Under 37 CFR 1.181(a) Requesting Withdrawal Of The Holding Of Abandonment (The Director's Decision), wherein Applicants' Petition was dismissed, is based upon the mistaken belief that the Notice of Abandonment was issued for Applicants' failure to file a timely response to the March 27, 2000 Office action issued in the above-captioned application. The November 7, 2001 Notice of Abandonment stated that the application was abandoned for failure to file a timely response to the November 16, 2000 Office Action—not the March 27, 2000 Office action. A copy of the November 7, 2001 Notice of Abandonment is attached at Tab 1.

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Since it appears from the Director's Decision that the Patent Office intended to base the holding of abandonment on Applicants' failure to submit a timely response to the March 27, 2000 Office action, and since Applicants have not been given the opportunity to address this basis for the holding of abandonment, Applicants respectfully request Reconsideration of Applicants' Petition.

M.P.E.P. 711.03(c) provides that Applicants may submit a petition to withdraw a holding of abandonment based on the failure to receive an Office action. Applicants did not receive the March 27, 2000 Office action in the mail prior to the point at which the application would have become abandoned. A copy of the H.B. Fuller Company "H.B. Fuller" docket record for the 09/193,889 application is attached at Tab 2. If the March 27, 2000 Office action had been received, the docket would have included an entry entitled, "3 MON RESPONSE DUE" under the column entitled, "All Actions Due," and a June 27, 2000 entry under the column entitled, "Due Date." The docket also would have included the entries "1 MON EXTENSION," "2 MON EXTENSION," and "6 MON FINAL" and corresponding due dates for each of these entries. A review of the docket shows that there are no entries that would have corresponded to the March 27, 2000 Office action. Applicants note that there are entries corresponding to the November 16, 2000 Office action including, e.g., the three month response having a due date of February 16, 2001 and a "Response Sent" date of March 16, 2001.

The H.B. Fuller file history for the above-captioned application maintained at H.B. Fuller does not contain the original March 27, 2000 Office action. The file history does, however, contain a facsimile copy of the March 27, 2000 Office action, which is attached at Tab 3. The facsimile copy includes a cover sheet and a transmission line, both of which reflect a date of October 18, 2000.

Applicants believe that the failure to receive the original March 27, 2000 Office action stems from the wrong correspondence address being associated with the application. The patent application as filed identified the following correspondence address: H.B. Fuller Company, Patent Department, 1200 Willow Lake Boulevard, St. Paul, MN 55110-5101. This address is H.B. Fuller's street address.

In September 1996, H.B. Fuller changed its mailing address from the street address to a post office box address, i.e., H.B. Fuller Company, 1200 Willow Lake

Boulevard, Box 64683, St. Paul, MN 55164-0683 (see Declaration of Julie Post, para. 2, which is attached at Tab 4). From that point forward all H.B. Fuller mail was to be sent to the post office box address. H.B. Fuller encountered many problems receiving mail as a result of the mailing address change (see Declaration of Julie Post, para. 2). At some point thereafter the Post Office agreed to allow H.B. Fuller to keep the street address for receiving mail. Id.

On July 6, 2000, Ms. Julie Post filed a Change of Attorney or Agent's Address In Application (37 CFR 1.8(a)) by facsimile transmission with the United States Patent Office referencing the above-captioned application serial number and including the following correspondence address: H.B. Fuller Company, Patent Department, 1200 Willow Lake Blvd., Box 64683, St. Paul, MN 55164-0683. The Change of Address was directed to the attention of Denise Boyd. The fax cover sheet refers to a July 5, 2000 telephone conversation between Ms. Boyd and Ms. Fisher, a former H.B. Fuller patent agent, regarding the Change of Address for the above-captioned application. A copy of the fax cover sheet, the Change of Attorney or Agent's Address In Application (37 CFR 1.8(a)), the Communication Result Report, and a return receipt postcard reflecting a simultaneous submission by mail are attached at Tab 4. The Communication Result Report reflects the successful transmission of two pages. The return receipt postcard includes a U.S.P.T.O. date stamp of July 10, 2000 and an H.B. Fuller date stamp of July 14, 2000.

On August 31, 2000, Ms. Fischer terminated her employment with H.B. Fuller.

On October 18, 2000, Denise L. Boyd of the U.S.P.T.O. sent a cover sheet and a copy of the March 27, 2000 Office action by facsimile transmission to Ms. Fischer, a copy of which is attached at Tab 3. The facsimile copy of the March 27, 2000 Office action reflects that the action was mailed to the H.B. Fuller street address, i.e., it did not include a post office box and the zip code was incorrect.

On November 16, 2000, the Patent Office issued a nonfinal Office Action. By November 16<sup>th</sup> the Post Office had agreed to deliver mail that was addressed to the H.B. Fuller street address and H.B. Fuller received the November 16<sup>th</sup> Office action. The November 16<sup>th</sup> Office action was identical to the March 27, 2000 Office action with the exception that the date on the cover page was different. The November 16<sup>th</sup> Office action

did not refer to the status of the March 27, 2000 Office action and there was no indication that the application was deemed abandoned. According to the Director's Decision, the Examiner had no authority to mail this Office action.

On March 16, 2001, Applicants submitted a timely response to the November 16, 2000 Office action by facsimile transmission (see November 19, 2001 Petition Under 37 Cfr 1.181(A) Requesting Withdrawal of The Holding of Abandonment, Tabs 1-4).

On November 7, 2001, Applicants received a Notice of Abandonment for failure to file a timely response to the November 16, 2000 Office action --not the March 27, 2000 Office action.

In light of the above, Applicants respectfully request the Patent Office to

1) find that Applicants failed to receive the March 27, 2000 Office action prior to the time at which the application became abandoned,

2) grant Applicants' Petition to Withdraw the Holding of Abandonment and reinstate the application; and

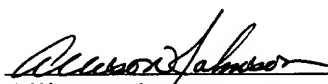
3) accept the March 16, 2001 Amendment as a timely response to the March 27, 2000 Office action.

The Director is invited to telephone the undersigned if a telephone conference would facilitate resolution of this matter.

Please charge any fees or credit any over payments to Deposit Account No. 06-2241.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: July 26, 2002

  
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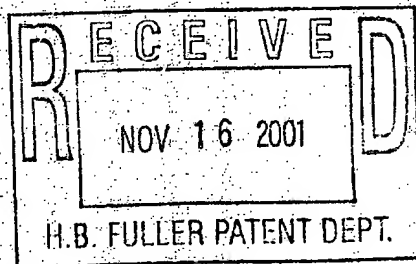
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# Notice of Abandonment

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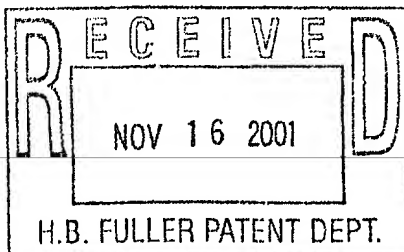
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address.

This application is abandoned in view of:

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1. ☒ Applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on 16 November 2000.
  - (a) ☐ A reply was received on \_\_\_\_\_ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated \_\_\_\_\_), which is after the expiration of the period for reply (including a total extension of time of \_\_\_\_\_ month(s)) which expired on \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☐ A proposed reply was received on \_\_\_\_\_, but it does not constitute a proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 (a) to the final rejection.  
(A proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 to a final rejection consists only of: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114).
  - (c) ☒ No reply has been received.
2. ☐ Applicant's failure to timely pay the required issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, within the statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).
  - (a) ☐ The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, was received on \_\_\_\_\_ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated \_\_\_\_\_), which is after the expiration of the statutory period for payment of the issue fee (and publication fee) set in the Notice of Allowance.
  - (b) ☐ The submitted fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is insufficient. A balance of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is due.  
The issue fee required by 37 CFR 1.18 is \$\_\_\_\_\_. The publication fee, if required by 37 CFR 1.18(d), is \$\_\_\_\_\_.
  - (c) ☐ The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, has not been received.
3. ☐ Applicant's failure to timely file new formal drawings as required by, and within the three-month period set in, the Notice of Allowability (PTO-37).
  - (a) ☐ Proposed new formal drawings were received on \_\_\_\_\_ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated \_\_\_\_\_), which is after the expiration of the period for reply.
  - (b) ☐ The proposed new formal drawings filed on \_\_\_\_\_ are not acceptable and the period for reply has expired.
  - (c) ☐ No proposed new formal drawings have been received.
4. ☐ The letter of express abandonment which is signed by the attorney or agent of record, the assignee of the entire interest, or all of the applicants.
5. ☐ The letter of express abandonment which is signed by an attorney or agent (acting in a representative capacity under 37 CFR 1.34(a)) upon the filing of a continuing application.
6. ☐ The decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interference rendered on \_\_\_\_\_ and because the period for seeking court review of the decision has expired and there are no allowed claims.
7. ☐ The reason(s) below:



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H.B Fuller #: 96-035

Country: US

SubCase: 01

**Sponsor:** Linear

United States of America

**Case Type:** CIP

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Duty to Disclose Due	20-Dec-1998	Due Date	
Foreign Filing	18-Feb-1999	Computer	
Invention Disclosure Statement	18-Feb-1999	Computer	
Application Status Check	18-May-2000	Computer	
Status Check (AGENT)	16-Jan-2001	Reminder	16-Mar-2001
3 MON RESPONSE DUE	16-Feb-2001	Due Date	16-Mar-2001
1 MON EXTENSION	16-Mar-2001	Reminder	16-Mar-2001
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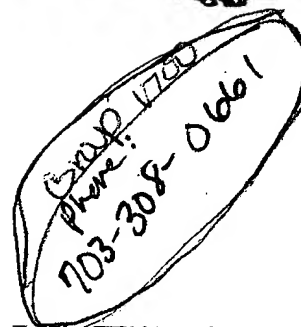
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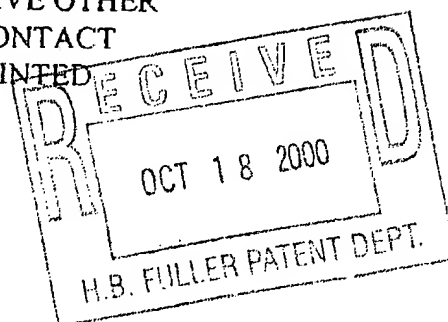
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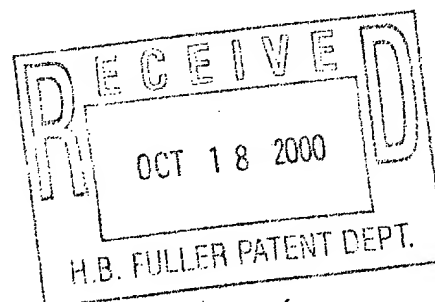
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# **Revision of Patent and Trademark Fees for Fiscal Year 2000** **In view of the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999, Public Law 106-113**

The following amendments to the fee amounts in 37 CFR 1.16, 1.20, and 1.492 shown below will be effective on December 29, 1999:

## **Patent Fees:**

37 CFR

Sec.	Description	Current Fee Amount	New Fee Amount (Effective 12-29-99)
1.16(a)	Basic filing fee - Utility	\$760	\$690
1.16(a)	Basic filing fee - Utility (Small Entity)	\$380	\$345
1.16(a)	Basic filing fee - Utility (CPA)	\$760	\$690
1.16(a)	Basic filing fee - Utility (CPA) (Small Entity)	\$380	\$345
1.16(h)	Reissue filing fee	\$760	\$690
1.16(h)	Reissue filing fee (Small Entity)	\$380	\$345
1.16(h)	Reissue filing fee (CPA)	\$760	\$690
1.16(h)	Reissue filing fee (CPA) (Small Entity)	\$380	\$345
1.20(e)	Maintenance fee - due at 3.5 years	\$940	\$830
1.20(e)	Maintenance fee - due at 3.5 years (Small Entity)	\$470	\$415
1.492(a)(2)	ISA - U.S.	\$760	\$690
1.492(a)(2)	ISA - U.S. (Small Entity)	\$380	\$345

The following amendments to the fee amounts in 37 CFR 1.17 and 2.6 shown below will be effective on January 10, 2000:

## **Patent Fees:**

37 CFR

Sec.	Description	Current Fee Amount	New Fee Amount (Effective 1-10-00)
1.17(r)	Filing a submission after final rejection (1.129(a))	\$760	\$690
1.17(r)	Filing a submission after final rejection (1.129(a)) (Small Entity)	\$380	\$345
1.17(s)	Per additional invention to be examined (1.129(b))	\$760	\$690
1.17(s)	Per additional invention to be examined (1.129(b)) (Small Entity)	\$380	\$345

## **Trademark Fees:**

37 CFR

Sec.	Description	Current Fee Amount	New Fee Amount (Effective 1-10-00)
2.6(a)(1)	Application for registration, per class	\$245	\$325
2.6(a)(4)	Extension for filing Statement of Use, per class	\$100	\$150
2.6(a)(5)	Application for renewal, per class	\$300	\$400
2.6(a)(13)	Filing section 15 affidavit, per class	\$100	\$200
2.6(a)(16)	Petition for cancellation, per class	\$200	\$300
2.6(a)(17)	Notice of opposition, per class	\$200	\$300

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**Office Action Summary**

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- ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ This action is **FINAL**.
- ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire three month(s), or thirty days, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. (35 U.S.C. § 133). Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

**Disposition of Claims**☒ Claim(s) 1-18

\_\_\_\_\_ is/are pending in the application.

Of the above, claim(s) 1-16

\_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.

☒ Claim(s) 17 and 18

\_\_\_\_\_ is/are rejected.

☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.

☐ Claims \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- ☐ See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.
- ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.
- ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
- ☐ All ☐ Some\* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been
- ☐ received.

☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) \_\_\_\_\_☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\*Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

**Attachment(s)**

- ☐ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

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1. Claims 1-15 are, drawn to a continuous fibrous composite, classified in class 428, subclass 367.
2. Claims 16, drawn to a container, classified in class , subclass .
3. Claims 17-18 are, drawn to a method of reinforcing a container, classified in class 229, subclass 239.

1. The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

Inventions I and II and III are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different modes of operation, different functions, or different effects (MPEP § 806.04, MPEP § 808.01). In the instant case the different inventions have different effects.

2. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

3. During a telephone conversation with Carolyn Fisher on March 24 a provisional election was made with traverse to prosecute the invention of group III , claims 17-18. Affirmation of this election must be made by applicant in replying to this Office action. Claims 1-16 are withdrawn from further consideration by the examiner, 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

4. Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently

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named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(I).

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

6. Claims 17-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Wosaba et al. 4784271.

The prior art invention teaches a shipping carton or container that can be readily opened and converted into a display tray without having to use a knife or other sharp instrument. The carton is formed from a blank having four sidewalls and connected top and bottom end panels. The sidewalls have a line of severance running circumferentially around the carton that defines a continuous butt joint separating the carton into a top cover section and a bottom tray section. A wide tape having a narrow tear filament or strip attached to its inner surface is adhesively attached to the sidewalls' outer surface such that it bridges the butt joint and holds the carton's top



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and bottom sections together, the tear strip being substantially superimposed over the butt joint. Pulling the tear filament neatly splits the wide tape and separates the carton's top and bottom sections. Preferably, one of the carton's sidewalls is provided with an access aperture to make it easier to grasp the end of the tear filament therein. The tape is secured to the sidewalls by using a pressure-sensitive heat-activated or water-activated adhesive, and can be made from a wide variety of materials such as paper; a polyolefin such as polypropylene, polyethylene, or polybutalene; nylon; or a polyester such as polyethylene terephthalate (PET) or Mylar.RTM..

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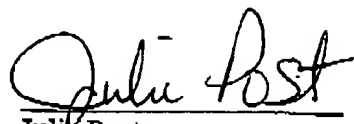
I, Julie Post, state and declare as follows:

1. I have been an employee in the Patent Department of the H.B. Fuller Company "H.B. Fuller" for 11 years.
2. On information and belief, in September, 1996, H.B. Fuller changed its mailing address from a street address to a post office box address, i.e., from H.B. Fuller Company, 1200 Willow Lake Boulevard, St. Paul, MN 55110-5101 to H.B. Fuller Company, 1200 Willow Lake Boulevard, Box 64683, St. Paul, MN 55164-0683. After H.B. Fuller changed its mailing address to a post office box, the H.B. Fuller patent department began having problems receiving mail. On information and belief, at some point thereafter, H.B. Fuller requested, and the Post Office agreed, that mail addressed H.B. Fuller's street address would be delivered to H.B. Fuller instead of being returned to the sender.
3. I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the

validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent on which this statement is directed.

Further I declare not.

Date: 7/26/2002

  
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Subject: **Change of Attorney Or Agent's Address In Application (37 CFR 1.8(a))**  
**Application no. 09/193,889**  
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If you had problems receiving this transmission, please contact **Julie Post @ 651-236-5603**

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Dear Ms. Boyd,

In reply to yesterday's phone conversation with Carolyn Fischer, attached please find fax copy of Change of Attorney Or Agent's Address In Application (37 CFR 1.8(a)).

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